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Dear Representative:

On behalf of our organizations and the millions of activists we represent, we applaud the bipartisan efforts from lawmakers in the House of Representatives on the Farm Workforce Modernization Act of 2019. This bill represents a step in the right direction by modernizing components of our guest worker program and legal immigration system. It will also help our country better meet the needs of employers and guest workers in the agricultural sector.

We are encouraged by lawmakers' efforts to streamline components of the H-2A program aimed at reducing some of the burdens imposed on employers and workers, in addition to considerable reforms that create new legal channels which currently are not available.

While the legislation is not perfect, the bill represents an important step forward to improve the way we issue temporary visas for guest workers and green cards for aspiring immigrants. We look forward to working with members to improve this bill by further reducing unnecessary barriers that impede upon the ability for employers and employees to freely contract in a mutually beneficial manner.

With only a few legislative days remaining, we urge lawmakers to continue working together to modernize and improve our guest worker program and stand ready to partner with lawmakers to accomplish this goal.

Sincerely,

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